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Arizona Department of Public Safety Releases Further Information on Officer Involved Shooting in Northern Arizona

On Friday, May 2, 2008, at about 8:40 p.m., Arizona Department of Public Safety Officers located a stolen SUV which had been reported by the OnStar system. The 2007 Tahoe was northbound on I-17 when Officers conducted a high-risk traffic stop at milepost 314 (about 25 miles south of Flagstaff). The suspect exited the vehicle and began firing his weapon at Officers as he ran around the rear of the SUV.

Two of five DPS Officers on scene fired their weapons and struck the suspect. The suspect has been identified as Scott R. Rapp, 49, of Phoenix. DPS investigators say the vehicle and weapon had been stolen in Phoenix. Rapp, who was hit several times, was treated at the scene for gun shot wounds and transported to the Flagstaff Medical Center where he is reported to be in fair condition.

The two DPS Officers involved in the shooting were Sgt. Brad Elliott, an eleven year veteran of the Department, and Officer Nate Gould, a four year veteran of the Department. Both a Criminal and Administrative investigation will be conducted, which is standard procedure following a police involved shooting.

Both Phoenix Police and OnStar are working with DPS Criminal Investigators on this case.

Please note: This is an ongoing Criminal Investigation by DPS. Therefore, DPS is the sole information source on this case. The investigation may take several more weeks before it is concluded.

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